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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

REPORT BY THE PRESIDENT ON THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

1. By paragraph 2 of section III A of decision 83/5 of 24 June 1985, the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) decided that, for a trial period of three years, it should, in the context of regularly scheduled sessions, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, in order to:

(a) Consider major issues related to programme matters;

(b) Review country, regional, interregional and global programmes and projects;

(c) Review programme and project implementation;

(d) Consider reports on evaluation studies;

(e) Deal with other matters related to the programme management of UNDP.

2. Paragraph 3 of the same decision provided, inter alia, that the meetings of the Committee of the Whole should be scheduled so as not to coincide with the plenary meetings and that a written report should be submitted to plenary by the presiding officer, who should be the President of the Council or another member of the Bureau designated by the President.

3. Decision 83/5 was to be reviewed by the Council at its thirty-third session (1986), on the basis of experience gained, with a view to examining the possibility of establishing a programme committee. The Council decided, instead, in its decision 86/23 of 27 June 1986, to extend the trial period of the Committee of the Whole by another year in order to gain more experience. The role of the Committee of the Whole and its Working Group, established by Governing Council decision 85/17 of 29 June 1985, were subsequently reviewed at the thirty-fourth session (1987) of the Council. In its decision 87/20 of 19 June 1987, the Council decided to continue the Committee of the Whole and its mandate; in addition, it decided the Committee of the Whole would consider programming matters of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) on an experimental basis,

provided that UNFPA and UNDP issues would not be considered simultaneously. The Council further decided to review the Committee of the Whole at its thirty-seventh session (1990).

4. At its organizational meeting for 1990, the Governing Council decided by section VI of decision 90/1 to allocate to the Committee of the Whole the following items: (a) implementation of country programmes in various regions; (b) all country and intercountry programmes; (c) global and interregional projects; (d) country and intercountry programmes of the United Nations Population Fund; (e) evaluation. The Governing Council also decided to resolve into the Committee of the Whole at its meeting on ----- to consider the above agenda items. The Committee of the Whole held --- meetings between -- and -- June.

II. DOCUMENTATION

5(b)(i)	Mid-term reviews of country programmes under the fourth programming cycle, overview	DP/1990/38
	Myanmar	DP/1990/38/Add.2
	Viet Nam	DP/1990/38/Add.3
	Egypt	DP/1990/38/Add.4
	Ghana	DP/1990/38/Add.5
	Zaire	DP/1990/38/Add.6
	Caribbean and multi-island	DP/1990/38/Add.7
	Regional: Africa	DP/1990/38/Add.9
	Global and interregional	DP/1990/38/Add.10
5(b)(ii)	Evaluation of the mid-term review process	DP/1990/38/Add.1
5(b)(iii)	Implementation of selected country programmes in the African region	DP/1990/39
	Implementation of selected country programmes in the Arab States and Europe region	DP/1990/40
	Implementation of selected country programmes in the Asia and Pacific region	DP/1990/41

	Implementation of selected country programmes in Latin America and the Caribbean region	DP/1990/42
5(b)(iv)	Development of Efficient and Environmentally Acceptable Tsetse and Tick Control Technology for the Developing Countries of the Tropics	DP/PROJECTS/REC/34
	Increasing Wheat Production in Warmer and Stressed Environments	DP/PROJECTS/REC/35
	Biotechnology and Conventional Crop Improvement for Sustainable Agriculture in the Semi-Arid Tropics	DP/PROJECTS/REC/36
	Research on Development of New Stress-Resistant Maize Genetic Resources	DP/PROJECTS/REC/37
	Research on Control of Animal Trypanosomiasis through Improved Use of Trypanotolerant Livestock and Vaccine Development	DP/PROJECTS/REC/38
	Fertilizer Strategies for Sustainable Agriculture and Environmental Protection	DP/PROJECTS/REC/39
	Strengthening of Primary Health Care: Development of New Tools for Disease Prevention and Control	DP/PROJECTS/REC/40
5 (b)(v)	Fifth country programme for Fiji	DP/CP/FIJ/5
	Fourth country programme for India	DP/CP/IND/4 DP/CP/IND/NOTE/4
	Fifth country programme for Tonga	DP/CP/TON/5
	Extension of the fourth country programme for Argentina	DP/CP/ARG/4/EXT.I
	Extension of the third country programme for Indonesia	DP/CP/INS/4/EXT.I
	Extension of the fourth country programme for Kuwait	DP/CP/KUW/4/EXT.I
	Extension of the fourth country programme for Venezuela	DP/CP/VEN/4/EXT.I

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6. United Nations Population Fund

Country programmes

Africa

Angola	DP/FPA/CP/67
Côte d'Ivoire	DP/FPA/CP/72
Equatorial Guinea	DP/FPA/CP/63
Ghana	DP/FPA/CP/64
Seychelles	DP/FPA/CP/65

Arab States

Syrian Arab Republic	DP/FPA/CP/70

Asia and the Pacific

Democratic People's Republic of Korea	DP/FPA/CP/61
Indonesia	DP/FPA/CP/69
Islamic Republic of Iran	DP/FPA/CP/62

Latin America and the Caribbean

Cuba	DP/FPA/CP/68 and Corr.1
Ecuador	DP/FPA/CP/66
Haiti	DP/FPA/CP/73
Mexico	DP/FPA/CP/71

III. THE DELIBERATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE

5. In addition to the documentation made available to the Committee, each document was introduced by the Assistant Administrator or senior official concerned. For UNFPA items, the documents were introduced by the Assistant Executive Director and the concerned geographic division chiefs. Following the debate on the various items, senior officials responded to the points raised in the debate on each agenda item. Audio-visual presentations were offered.

6. The discussion in the Committee of the Whole of the various programmes and other items involved the broad participation of members and observers. A number of points were raised in the debate to which senior officials of UNDP and UNFPA and, in some cases involving country programmes, concerned delegations provided answers.

7. For the consideration of all matters before the Committee, full information was made available by the Administrations of UNDP and UNFPA and representatives of countries concerned. This permitted an extensive examination of the various issues and programmes before the Committee.

IV. RECOMMENDATIONS

8. At the conclusion of its deliberations, the Committee of the Whole decided to make the following recommendations to the Council:

5 (b)(i) Reports on mid-term reviews of country, intercountry and global programmes

To take note of the following:

Mid-term reviews of country programmes under the fourth programming cycle, overview	DP/1990/38
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5(b)(ii) Evaluation of the mid-term review process

To take note of the note by the Administrator on the evaluation of the mid-term review process as contained in document DP/1990/38/Add.1.

In addition, the committee took note of the suggestions for follow-up action to the evaluation of the mid-term review process as contained in document DP/1990/38/Add.1, and in particular requested the Administrator to make arrangements to strengthen the secretariat of the Programme Review Committee. It was also agreed that the fourth cycle mid-term reviews not presented so far to the Council should be submitted at the special session in February 1991 and at the thirty-eighth session (1991). A draft decision was submitted by one delegation on this issue (see decision 90/ -).

5 (b)(iii) Implementation of selected country programmes:

Africa To take note of the report of the Administrator on the implementation of selected country programmes in the Africa region, as contained in document DP/1990/39.

Arab States To take note of the report of the Administrator on the implementation of selected country programmes in the Arab States and Europe region, as contained in document DP/1990/40.

Asia and the Pacific — To take note of the report of the Administrator on the implementation of selected country programmes in the Asia and Pacific region, as contained in document DP/1990/41.

Latin America and the Caribbean — To take note of the report of the Administrator on the implementation of selected country programmes in the Latin America and the Caribbean region, as contained in document DP/1990/42 .

5(b)(iv) Global and interregional projects

To approve the following global and interregional projects:

Development of Efficient and Environmentally Acceptable Tsetse and Tick Control Technology for the Developing Countries of the Tropics	DP/PROJECTS/REC/34
Increasing Wheat Production in Warmer and Stressed Environments	DP/PROJECTS/REC/35
Biotechnology and Conventional Crop Improvement for Sustainable Agriculture in the Semi-Arid Tropics	DP/PROJECTS/REC/36
Research on Control of Animal Trypanosomiasis through Improved Use of Trypanotolerant Livestock and Vaccine Development	DP/PROJECTS/REC/38
Fertilizer Strategies for Sustainable Agriculture and Environmental Protection	DP/PROJECTS/REC/39
Strengthening of Primary Health Care: Development of New Tools for Disease Prevention and Control	DP/PROJECTS/REC/40

5 (b)(v) Country programmes

To approve the following:

Fifth country programme for Fiji	DP/CP/FIJ/5
Fourth country programme for India	DP/CP/IND/4 DP/CP/IND/NOTE/4
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